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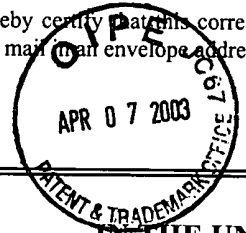
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Lugo:

Applicant herewith submits this Amendment and Response in conjunction with an RCE following issuance of a Final Office Action in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments below and consideration of the appended remarks.

AMENDMENTS (CLEAN VERSION)

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 10, 11, 15 and 16. (NE)

Please amend Claim 8 as follows: